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SUBJECT: FONMIN RABASA VISIT TO CHILE

REF: A) MEXICO 4487; B) SANTIAGO 3058

1. SUMMARY. MEXICAN FONMIN RABASA SEES PINOCHET, PROLONGS STAY. SAYS TALKS GOING WELL. END SUMMARY.

2. SANTIAGO PRESS FEATURES DRAMATIC RABASA VISIT, LINKING IT TO MEXICAN DESIRE TO OBTAIN SAFE-CONDUCTS FOR SOME 70 ASYLEES WHO HAVE BEEN LODGED IN MEXICAN EMBASSY HERE. RABASA TOLD JOURNALISTS TALKS WERE PROCEEDING FAVORABLY. LUNCHEDED FOR THREE HOURS MAY 31 WITH GENERAL PINOCHET AND FONMIN HUERTA. SAID HE WOULD DEPART QUOTE WHEN I HAVE A RESPONSE TO MY PROPOSALS UNQUOTE.

3. SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIAL TANGENTIALLY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS TOLD AMBASSADOR RABASA MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION BY STARTING DISCUSSIONS WITH LINE QUOTE WE HAVE BOTH MADE MISTAKES; LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THEM UNQUOTE. OFFICIAL SPECULATED THAT
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MEXICAN QUID PRO QUO FOR RELEASE OF ASYLEES MIGHT

INCLUDE GRANTING AGREEMENT FOR PROPOSED CHILEAN
AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, AND CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT
SUPPORT FOR ANTI-JUNTA CHILEANS LIVING THERE.

4. IN ADDITION, PRESS STATES CHILE DESIRES RESUMPTION
OF SALES TO CHILE OF MEXICAN FERTILIZERS (TRIPLEPHOSPHATE
AND UREA), ALLEGEDLY SUSPENDED IN SPITE OF CONTRACTS
IN FORCE.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED MAY 31 THAT IT HAD
GRANTED 16 SAFE CONDUCTS FOR ASYLEES IN MEXICAN EMBASSY,
AS PART OF TOTAL OF 35 GRANTED THIS WEEK. STATED TOTAL
REMAINING IN EMBASSY NOW 51.

6. COMMENT. NO RPT NO REFERENCE HERE TO POINT
MADE PARA 3 MEXICO 4487 RE RELEASE OF ALMEYDA AND
LETELIER. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR GOC TO JUSTIFY
RELEASING THESE TWO EX-UP LEADERS WHILE STILL HOLDING
SOME 30 OTHERS FOR TRIAL. SEEMS TO US CONCEIVABLE,
HOWEVER, THAT GOC MIGHT BE MORE WILLING TO PROVIDE
ASSURANCES TO RABASA THAT THEY WOULD BE EXPELLED
FROM CHILE AFTER TRIAL.
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